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Architects, engineers, and draftsmen at work on plans for the new town of Greenbelt in February 1936. Design work was done in large, ornate rooms of the Walsh-McLean mansion in Washington, D.C. and rushed to completion to workers who were on site and in need of direction.

## Greenbelt, Rexford Tugwell And the Hope Diamond

by Dorothy Sucher

This year Greenbelt, one of America's first and most important experiments in city planning, is celebrating its 65th anniversary. Built by the New Deal in the depths of the Great Depression, the town welcomed its first residents in 1937. At the time it was often called "Tugwelltown" by conservative critics of the Roosevelt administration, a name referring scornfully to Rexford Guy Tugwell.

If one man can be said to have first conceived the idea of Greenbelt, he is Tugwell, an eco-

nomics professor at Columbia University from 1920 to 1932. A lean, handsome man with a fondness for wearing white suits, the brilliant professor stood out in a crowd physically as well as mentally, as may be seen in one or two of the photographs hanging in the hall of the Greenbelt Community Center.

Tugwell, a visionary who had been influenced by the ideas of early planners such as the Englishman Ebenezer Howard and Clarence Stein, author of "Toward New Towns for America,"

dreamed of not just one but a whole chain of garden cities - hundreds, all over the country - that could be built on cheap land outside the crowded cities with their festering slums and myriad urban problems. Building these garden cities would provide work for some of the ten million men who had lost jobs during the Depression, as well as affordable housing in healthful surroundings for low-income families.

When FDR came to Washing-

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## ACE, Council Honor Educators

by Barbara Hopkins

"Unsung heroes," Mayor Judith Davis called school teachers Monday night, March 11, when the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) presented its annual Educator Awards. The awards were given out following a reception and prior to the city council meeting. Davis described the award as one way to show thanks to those recognized for all they do in educating the city's children. She also lightly commented that juggling the various prizes - a "Greenbelt Is Great" mug; citations from the city, county, and state; and a gift certificate from Bookland in Beltway Plaza - was easy for them since a teacher's job requires juggling and balancing all day long.

Leta Mach, ACE chair, presented and made remarks about each educator honored to assembled guests, colleagues, and family.

### Greenbelt Elementary

Beth Novick has been with the school for three years and is the coordinator of the school's innovative "Expeditionary Outward Bound" program. She has also led "Multiculturalism in the United States" and "Math in the Real World," two initiatives that each lasted a year. Through these programs, Novick has motivated staff, students and the community. She has also worked in the school's After School Program.

### Springhill Lake

Patti Hall was nominated for her enthusiasm, innovation and genuine concern for education. In her four years at the school, she has been a kindergarten teacher, acting vice-principal, and math specialist. Her school community considers her an expert at curriculum, bringing creativity and innovation to her approach. She chairs the annual Women's History Breakfast.

### Magnolia Elementary

Linnette Palmer has been at the school for four years and teaches sixth grade. She challenges her students to strive for excellence in all that they do. Besides her classroom work, she is chair and language arts liaison for the sixth grade team, has created the sixth grade yearbook, organized Valentine's Day activities, and is the school's staff liaison to the Parent Teacher Organization.

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### What Goes On

**Monday, March 25**

**8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building**

**Thursday, March 28**

**7:30 p.m., GHI Board of Directors Meeting, Community Center**

## Three Police Employees Are Award Nominees

by Barbara Hopkins

The Prince George's County Police Chiefs Association honored Greenbelt Master Patrol Officer Gordon D. Pracht by naming him Community Services Officer of the Year 2001 at the Chiefs' Awards Banquet on March 8. Greenbelt Police Chief James R. Craze said in his nomination that Pracht deserved the award for his community involvement.

Pracht worked with the Springhill Lake Neighborhood Improvement Team, a group of volunteers who address quality of life issues at the apartment complex. Craze said Pracht and the team were an important force last year in improving living conditions at Springhill Lake through the removal of over 130 abandoned vehicles from neighborhood streets, improving lighting, locating a path to the Youth Center that had improved safety for pedestrians, and developing an anti-graffiti program that has greatly diminished graffiti.

Pracht and the Neighborhood Improvement Team were also involved with the Transitional Housing Project, which moved

more than 30 families from a homeless condition into permanent housing. The Team conducted a toy drive at Christmas to ensure that each child would have a present to open.

Locally, Pracht shared the honor of Greenbelt Police Officer of the Year 2001 with Police Officer First Class Luis Gonzalez. Since both men could not be nominated for Officer of the Year at the county level, Craze nominated Pracht as Community Services Officer of the Year 2001 and submitted Gonzalez's name as Officer of the Year 2001. Gonzalez was nominated for an investigation he made in response to a parking complaint last June, which resulted in the arrest of what the department described as "a major narcotics trafficker who was a fugitive from justice" in three states.

Another Greenbelt citizen was nominated for the title of Civilian of the Year 2001. Communications Specialist Lucinda (Cindy) Keppel performed "above and be-

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## Red Light Camera Costs More than City Expected

City Manager Michael McLaughlin reported in a March 15 memo to city council that the financial results of the red light camera program "have been mixed." The program is working, McLaughlin states. However, the program is costing much more than anticipated and adjustments to the program are warranted in order to minimize the city's costs, while still enforcing safe and proper driving practices.

There have been 11,892 incidents noted with 5,652 being determined as valid or good, an average of 26 per day. The good news is the data available indicates that at five of the eight intersections, the program is reducing the number of red light violations, comparing January data to the first month of camera operation in July or October.

However, the financial results of the program have been mixed. By year end, it is estimated \$522,000 in fines will be paid, but there will also be expenses of \$312,000 for a net gain of \$220,000. This is lower than the \$250,000 net gain included in the FY 2002 budget and does not include the \$126,000 installation cost.

McLaughlin further states that "the expenses are much higher than anticipated. The costs for the cameras were significantly underestimated." The contract calls for the company that maintains the cameras to be paid a portion of each ticket (\$9.86 per ticket) or a minimum of \$2,500 per camera per month. In the re-

view of the contract, the impact of this minimum charge was missed. It was thought the minimum fee was for all the cameras, not per camera. This fee is consuming substantial portions of the program's revenues, according to McLaughlin.

McLaughlin recommended two steps be taken immediately to address this situation. One, city staff are meeting with the vendors and Howard County representatives to review the contract and explore amendments to it. There now appears to be agreement to reduce the monthly minimum to \$2,100 per month, down from \$2,500.

Two, the contractor has agreed to amend the contract as relates to the removal of cameras. The contract allows for 25 per cent of the cameras to be removed with a restocking fee of \$12,000 per camera every six months. The contractor has now agreed to remove any camera with no restocking fee. There are two cameras, #356 on southbound Kenilworth Avenue at Cherrywood Lane, and #353 on eastbound Greenbelt Road at Hanover Parkway, that generate significantly fewer violations than the others. It is proposed to remove these two cameras. The one on Kenilworth is in a deficit situation, according to a memo from Chief Craze to McLaughlin, i.e., the minimum fee paid the contractor to monitor it is greater than the fine revenue generated.

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# Letters to the Editor

## THANKS!

The American Red Cross, the Greenbelt Recreation Department and Springhill Lake Apartments' management express their thanks to those who presented themselves to donate blood at the Blood Drive on March 15, at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Thanks also to the volunteers and the Red Cross personnel. This was the first time the Springhill Lake Recreation Center was used as the site for a blood drive.

The next blood drive will be at the Greenbelt Youth Center gym on Friday, April 19. Remember that an interval of 56 days must elapse before a person may again donate blood. Those who donated blood at the drive held on February 15 are eligible to donate their blood at the upcoming blood drive on April 19.

To make an appointment, please call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212.

Janet Goldberg  
Recreation Coordinator

## Pity Pedestrians

Pedestrian safety in Greenbelt

is limited to the winding paths and dank tunnels that traverse old Greenbelt. It is surprising that there has not occurred a serious accident at the crosswalk at St. Hugh's.

Pity pedestrians, who, lacking the speed of cyclists, must spring across Crescent Road (despite the marked crosswalk and blinking yellow light), while the motorist bears down upon them. I know this intersection well, and cross it daily. It is a cat and mouse game which requires one to guess the intent of the motorist with deadly accuracy. While Greenbelt cyclists have expanded their right to share the road with the crazed motorists of the area, the pedestrians are running for their lives.

When I raised concerns (echoed by several of my Woodland Hills neighbors) over the crosswalk at St. Hugh's, Greenbelt's City Manager wrote, "We will be back in touch with you following a 'traffic calming' review of the area." That was two years ago, and I never received the promised response.

Andrew Levin

# Capitol Cadillac Presents Revised Expansion Plan

by Marat Moore

At a worksession on March 13, the Greenbelt City Council viewed the latest version of a conceptual site plan presented by representatives of Capitol Cadillac, which is seeking to expand on to a 4.7-acre parcel of land in the Golden Triangle. The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), which owns the land, originally purchased it as a potential exit to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

Andre Gingles, an attorney for Capitol Cadillac, presented the company's latest conceptual plan, which deepened the proposed buffer of greenspace on the Greenbelt Road side to approximately 100 feet, and increased to 34 percent the total amount of green space. Also representing the dealership at the work session were company president Darrel Jobe, engineering consultant Jim Sotesz, and Floyd Sheahan.

"The dealership remains strongly interested in expanding to this property, which is the only location in the city limits that works sensibly for us," Gingles said in an interview with the News Review. He added that the company is interested in expanding its showroom space for its Hummer and Pontiac GMC vehicles, and is willing to work with the city to resolve concerns.

But the city council has an important decision to make first - two decisions, actually, as Mayor Judith Davis pointed out at the work session. On Feb. 20, the Maryland Department of Transportation notified the council by letter that the city could buy the parcel for \$1,665,000.

MDOT approached the city because state rules governing the dispensation of "surplus" land stipulate that public entities such as counties or towns have first choice of purchase before the land is offered to a private buyer. Regulations state that if a public entity chooses to buy, the land

must be devoted to public use. In addition, the price is generally cheaper, since the purchase price for the public buyer is based upon a formula including the original price plus interest rather than fair market value.

So the council's first decision - scheduled to be discussed at the March 25 council meeting- is whether or not to buy the land. Second, if the council decides against purchasing the property, the council must decide whether to support Capitol Cadillac's site plan. Some council members have expressed concern about the loss of green space the company's expansion would represent.

This was the third worksession in which the council considered the dealership's request, following earlier sessions in June and November 2001. The issue sparked controversy last fall, when the company sought special county legislation to bypass necessary rezoning regulations for the projected expansion. The city council voted to oppose that proposed legislation.

At Council's last regular meeting on March 11, Council asked the city manager to contact the police and fire departments to find out if there would be any possible public safety use of the land if the city bought it. Councilmembers also asked for written information from Capitol Cadillac about their plans for lighting, signage, and paving of the back parking lot. Councilmember Alan Turnbull asked Gingles to consider the use of a porous paving material in the back lot, since in its current design, the space is used primarily for car inventory, which is considered light use. The company's engineer, who was present at the meeting, said the request would be explored, but that porous paving material requires more maintenance than

## Locals Nominated For "Green Bag"

On February 15, Governor Parris N. Glendening submitted names of 56 residents of Montgomery and Prince George's counties as part of his "Green Bag" appointments to the General Assembly, continuing an annual rite that began in Maryland more than 50 years ago and a tradition that dates back to 17th century England. In all, 245 men and women were submitted for approval to serve on state and county boards, commissions, task forces, and boards of election. The list represents the bulk of the Governor's yearly appointments that require Senate approval. Women and minorities each make up 40 percent of the total, emphasizing the Governor's commitment to ensure that appointed boards and commissions reflect the diversity of Maryland.

"These men and women represent every branch of our State's diverse family tree," said Governor Glendening. "This is a testament to our commitment to making Maryland a more fair, just and inclusive State. These appointees will bring their collective experience, wisdom, and dedication to serve their State and their communities. Their public service is not for their own benefit, but for the benefit of all Marylanders. We are proud of their dedication and thankful for their commitment.

The following Greenbelt residents have been nominated by the Governor: Kristi Merriweather, Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, student; Eileen Brandenburg-Farnham, Collection Agency Licensing Board/chief investigator for the former county consumer protection agency; and Alan Turnbull, Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, park manager.

## Girl Scouts Seek Adult Volunteers

It's Girl Scout cookie time, but Girl Scouts do a lot more than sell Girl Scout cookies. Adults can try a taste of Girl Scouting by volunteering. People who make this important decision will open up opportunities to area girls just waiting their chance to join. Call 301-893-1819.

heavier paving material. The Council will discuss the possible purchase of the 4.7 acre tract at its meeting on Monday, March 25.

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Week of March 22  
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A Beautiful Mind (PG13)  
  
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A Beautiful Mind \*4:15, 7:20, 10:00  
  
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A Beautiful Mind \*4:15, 7:20, 10:00  
  
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The Greenbelt Road one is almost in a deficit position, Craze said. Although he recommended monitoring it for the next few months, McLaughlin recommended removal. A third camera, #352 on northbound

Greenbelt Road at Hanover Parkway should be watched and removed in a month or two if it remains below the threshold to pay for itself, McLaughlin recommended.

The News Review Needs Volunteers  
• A computer savvy night owl to type Tuesday nights  
• Reporters to cover Springhill Lake issues  
Please call Eileen at 301-513-0482  
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# Community Events

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

President Ima Davis opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the “Parade of Hats.” Twenty-two members contributed to the collection and gave interesting comments about their hats. These included St. Patrick’s Day hats, an Australian bush hat, a 1945 Easter hat, Terps hats, a Greenbelt hat and a pill box (we all remember those) and many more. Mary Gardner, dressed all in green and wearing her St. Patrick’s Day hat, told jokes.

We’re glad to report most of the Golden Age members who have been ill are on the road to recovery.

New members were welcomed. Kathleen McFarland introduced her sister, Rosemary Scott.

John Taylor, Travel committee, announced the trip to Hanover, Pa. to visit the Utz factory and Hanover horse farm in April. There is a fee. Seats are still available for the trip to Sight and Sound to see Daniel in June.

The 50/50 winners were Joan Conway and Pat Cantwell.

## At the Library

Tuesday, March 26, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, March 27, 10:15 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.

Thursday, March 28, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for 2-year-olds with caregiver.

## Springburst Fun Run at Greenbelt Park

The Prince George's Running Club (PGRC) 16th Annual Springburst 8K/1.5 mile Fun Run is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, 9 a.m. at Greenbelt Park.

The Springburst 8K is a running race open to all. Overall and age-group prizes will be awarded. Long sleeve collector T-shirts are given to all who enter. The race course uses the park's forested and challenging rolling hills. It offers ample opportunity to observe other racers too. For online information and an application access the website at [www.pgrc.freesevers.com](http://www.pgrc.freesevers.com) with registration available online at [www.racepacket.com](http://www.racepacket.com). To learn more, call Gene Lehr at 301-486-0041.

## Hunting Ridge Board Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Hunting Ridge Condominium will meet on Wednesday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the clubhouse. Board meetings are open to all homeowners and residents.

**GIGANTIC YARD SALE**  
sponsored by  
Greenbelt Elementary School  
PTA  
**Saturday, May 18, 2002**  
**10 am - 2 pm**

Spaces are available at only \$10 each and going fast!  
Contact Rebecca Roper  
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to reserve your space today!

## City Notes

The week of March 11, the horticulture crew mulched landscaped beds on the residential side of Hanover Parkway, at Roosevelt Center, the City Office and the Community Center; cleaned trash along Mandan Road and mulched the landscaping; and cleaned trays in the greenhouse and planted plugs and seeds.

The parks crew continued constructing the Wetlands Education Center at Buddy Attick Park and laying flagstone for the walkways and the overlook; completed installation of the second new bench at Roosevelt Center and a new Adopt-a-Bench at the city office building; painted two spring animals to be installed in playgrounds; and installed a 6 x 6 wooden border behind the basketball court at Plateau Place and Ridge Road and filled the area with wood chips.

The facilities maintenance crew replaced four basketball rims and nets and serviced the heat and air conditioning equipment at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, installed two new light poles and underground wiring at Roosevelt Center, worked with Pepco replacing an underground transformer at the Youth Center, and repaired the heating system at the Community Center.

The streets crew repaired potholes throughout the City especially at the Post Office parking lot, assisted the crew working on the new Wetlands Center at the Lake Park, and transported 120 bales of barley straw which will be used to control the growth of algae in the lake.

The special details crew set stone paver blocks for the bike racks at Roosevelt Center and repaired the crossing light at Green Ridge House.

## Tax Preparation Help Available for Some

Volunteer tax preparers are available at the Greenbelt Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays to assist people with limited incomes in preparing their 2001 tax forms. Eligible people seeking such assistance should call 301-541-5031 to make an appointment.

## Women Love Sports To Celebrate Here

Women Love Sports Too! (WLST), a Washington area organization that assists women in their enjoyment of sports and pursuit of sports careers, will hold its First Annual Super Sports Weekend, March 22-23, at the Greenbelt Marriott, 6400 Ivy Lane.

During the weekend, WLST will provide scholarships to women’s athletic programs and to women pursuing careers in athletics, sports management, officiating, or refereeing. The weekend is expected to draw up to 500 participants, including those who want to learn more about basketball and football, sports where girls are the fastest growing market in the sporting industry.

As part of its special weekend, WLST will offer a Career Camp and Sports Training Program for women ages 18 to 65. Invited speakers and trainers include Tasha Mills of the Washington Mystics; News Channel 8 sports anchor Glenn Harris; Dana Longdon of Transitions Teams; Sakira Dillard of Black Sports Enterprises; and sports and entertainment attorney Rosalind Ray.

The Career Camp and Sports Training Program is free and will be held Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to noon. Other activities include a festive “Sno-Ball” which will be held Friday night from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. where News Channel 8 Sports Reporter Joyce Jackson will be honored as “Woman of the Year.”

People interested in attending either event may pre-register by calling WLST at 301-513-5377.

## Greenbelt CARES

Wendy Wexler interviewed students in the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Guidance Office to select new participants for the Teen Discussion Group. This group, which began this week, will continue for eight weeks and will cover such topics as anger management, school performance, social skills, family interactions and substance abuse.

# A Greenbelt Gardener

by Rosie Rhubarb

“In every wood in every spring there is a different green . . . ” said J.R.R. Tolkien, author of *The Lord of the Rings*. As usual, he was a very keen observer of the natural world.

An unusually mild winter is turning into a very different spring. The types of plants in bloom together include the usual plants of March with some of those from April. Late March is the time for daffodils to come out in numbers, crocuses to bloom at their best, bright yellow forsythia shrubs to flower. In addition, this year we have now blooming flowers that normally bloom later, such as Bradford Pear and flowering fruit trees. I hope we don’t have a late hard freeze or ice storm that would destroy their beauty.

The Bradford pears are wonderful to see when they line a street, with beautiful white flowers such as in Capital Office Park, Hanover Parkway and Southway.

Magnolia and flowering fruit trees are in bloom in some favorable spots such as near a building or on a south facing slope.

Many plants use cues other than daytime temperatures to tell when to bloom, such as night length and night temperatures. So, many plants will stick to their usual schedule no matter how warm the weather.

I think the daffodil is the best flower of spring. Their yellow color is so bright and cheery and they smell wonderful. Blooming now are early and mid-season varieties. Nice displays can be seen along Crescent Road between Northway and Greenhill Road, near the entrance to Boxwood Village and continuing on in a



line from there to Ridge Road near the path that runs above the road.

Another sign of early spring is the spice bush. This native shrub has very small flowers that make the whole bush look like it has a yellow fuzz. The flowers smell wonderful. These are some of the original plantings and can still be seen by the underpasses near Gardenway and Roosevelt Center Mall and near the east entrance of the lake park.

**Vegetables**

Vegetable planting can proceed as usual for this time of year. These types like cool weather, and although the winter has been mild, it is still cool.

Peas and radishes can be planted from seed. Seedlings can be purchased at well stocked nurseries for broccoli.

Lettuce, spinach, collard, kale, mustard greens, turnip tops, and endive can be grown from seed. The greens can be eaten as soon as they are finger length. I often pull the crowded seedlings out and eat them, giving the remaining seedlings room to grow well.

When the soil is dry enough to work, prepare the soil to plant. Remember, don’t work with or walk on wet soil – to determine if the soil is dry enough, gently squeeze a handful of soil and drop it to the ground. If the handful breaks into pieces then the soil is workable.

When the seeds have been planted, keep them moist. If they dry out, the seeds won’t germinate and seedlings would probably die.

Don’t worry about cold nights. These plants can take a light frost in their stride.

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**Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club**  
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**Register at:**  
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**Sat., March 23, 11 am - 1 pm**  
**Sat., April 6, 11 am - 1 pm**  
**Sat., April 20, 11 am - 1 pm**  
**Ages 12+**

Registration is only \$45.00; ask about family discounts. Get a head start and also register your child for Football, Softball and Cheerleading. Contact the Baseball Commissioner, Mr. Chuck Lease at 301-794-0100, press 1, if you need more info. See you there!

**Greenbelt Arts Center Presents**

**A Celtic Weekend**  
Friday, March 22, 8 PM  
Saturday, March 23, 8 PM  
Tickets for these events: \$10 for adults; \$8 for students and seniors  
Reservations: 301-441-8770

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
Immediately following GDC meeting  
Thursday, March 28, 2002  
7:30 p.m.  
Community Center

**GHI Key Agenda Items**

- Rental Garage Policy Discussion
- Gutter Cleaning Contract - 1st Reading
- Window Repair Policy - Update on Administration Building
- Administration Building Renovations Update

Regular board meetings are open to members.



# Obituaries

## Andrew Feeney, Sr.

Andrew “Andy” Jackson Feeney, Sr., 78, of Northway, died March 12, 2002 at Doctors Community Hospital with his family by his side.

The son of Michael and Essie Feeney, he was born October 11, 1923. Andy grew up on a cattle ranch in South Dakota, where he garnered a lifelong affection for working with his hands. He left the ranch in 1944 to serve his country with the 101st Airborne. After the war he returned home. He received a degree in journalism, which led him to a career as a science writer for the USDA.


After marrying, he and his wife moved to Greenbelt in 1958. There they raised six children.


Mr. Feeney was a long-time parishioner of Saint Hugh’s Church, a relationship which rewarded him and his family with many close friendships.

An avid gardener, he spent much of his time on yard projects, often drafting into service any child found lingering about. After retiring from the USDA in 1982, he took up writing as a hobby. He wrote two novels which were inspired by his experiences growing up on the ranch. He was a member of the Greenbelt Writers’ Club. In recent years Andy became an avid fisherman and crabber.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Marge; children, Andrew, Jr., David, Patrick, Mark, Andrea and Steven; brothers, Patrick, John, Charles, and Jim; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Saint Hugh’s on Saturday, April 13 at 9 a.m.





## Church Invites Public To Celebration

On Saturday, March 23 from 2 to 4 p.m., Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road, invites families and children of the community to attend an Easter Celebration. There will be story time with drama, crafts, songs and games. Each child should bring six hard-boiled eggs to dye.

## Native Plant Sale At Nat'l Arboretum

Purchase choice plant specimens from local nurseries at the National Arboretum on March 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. from nurseries on the administration building’s East Terrace. A portion of the proceeds will support the Arboretum’s native plant collection. Admission is free.

## Riverdale Artist Featured at M-NCPPC

Landscape paintings of historic Riverdale Park by artist Gerald King are currently on display, through May 30, at The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Administration Bldg., 6600 Kenilworth Ave.

The artist will give a free talk about his Riverdale paintings on Friday, April 25, at noon in the Director’s Office.

Within walking distance of his home and studio, King found inspiration for his landscape art from the sycamore trees, arched bridges, train station and other Riverdale Park historic landmarks.

King recently retired as professor emeritus from Prince George’s Community College after 28 years of service. He holds a Bachelor of Art Education and Master of Fine Arts degrees from the University of Wisconsin and has twice been awarded a Prince George’s Arts Council Individual Artists’ grant.

For more information, call 301-454-1461; TTY 301-454-1472; pgparks.com.

### Baha'i Faith

"O Man of Two Visions! Close one eye and open the other. Close one to the world and all that is therein, and open the other to the hallowed beauty of the Beloved"

-Baha'i Sacred Writings

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## GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

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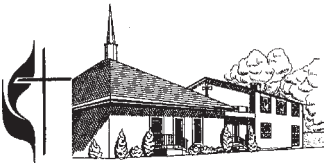
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**Good Friday**  
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Tenebrae Service of Darkness - 7:30 p.m.

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6:30 pm Agapé Meal and Foot Washing\*  
7:30 pm Sung Mass\*  
8:30 pm The Watch

**Good Friday (3/27):** 7:30 pm Sung Liturgy\*

\*ASL interpreted







# Largo Post Office Gets Dan Kennedy's Mural

by Barbara Simon

On Saturday morning, February 23, Greenbelt artist Dan Kennedy was the guest of honor at the official unveiling of the mural he painted for the Largo-Kettering Post Office.

The nine-foot square mural was painted in oils on canvas at Kennedy's studio at the Greenbelt Community Center. It consists of several scenes of everyday life in Prince George's County and was chosen from over 20 competing concepts. Several of Kennedy's friends can recognize themselves in the design as they had the opportunity to pose for some of the figures.

The ceremony and following reception were hosted by the U.S. Postal Service, the Prince George's County Arts Council, and Congressman Albert R. Wynn, who represents the Largo-Kettering community.

In opening remarks by post office officials at the unveiling, Jerry D. Lane, manager of the Capital District for the U.S. Postal Service, spoke of how Wynn had conceived the idea for the mural and taken the project "under his wing." Wynn then spoke of his experience as a child growing up in a small town in North Carolina.

The town post office contained a mural, still in existence, which impressed him very much when he was a boy. It was one of the more than 2,500 public murals created for the Works Projects Administration (WPA), many of them for post offices, during the Franklin D. Roosevelt administrations. Wynn credited this experience with inspiring him to develop a similar idea for the Largo-Kettering Post Office. He praised Kennedy's work as a continuation of this tradition.

Dan Kennedy acknowledged appreciation of the audience. He spoke of the mural project, which took eight months to complete, as a "labor of love." He said that his work expresses what he cannot say in words.

In 1998, Kennedy's works were exhibited at the state capitol in Annapolis. He has participated in numerous other group and solo art exhibitions. In 1999, he completed the large outdoor mural at the corner of Berwyn Road and Route 1 in Berwyn.

Kennedy, who is self-taught and without formal art education, has been painting for more than 40 years. He has lived in Greenbelt for more than 50 years.

# Power Outages Caused By Squirrels and Trees

by Barbara Young

Responding to resident Steven Jascourt's complaints of excessive power outages in the period June through December 31, 2001, PEPCO's State Manager Theresa Yewell recently updated the city on steps being taken to deal with the outages.

Earlier in March 2001, PEPCO had predicted "significant improvement" in momentary power outages as a result of its efforts. PEPCO was prompted by an earlier complaint from Jascourt which resulted in a 2001 city worksession (see News Review of March 15, 2001).

In its latest research, PEPCO found that the feeder serving the Jascourt residence experienced eight momentary interruptions in the six-month period. PEPCO attributed the outages to four squirrel interferences, one storm-related incident and three interferences owing to tree limb contact. PEPCO concludes by stating that momentary power interruptions "are typical in heavily-treed communities such as Greenbelt."

In its report to the city, PEPCO states: "Our field inspectors recently completed their physical inspection of Mr. Jascourt's feeder and identified several locations that require additional animal guard devices. This work will be completed by March 31, 2002. Additionally, Reliability Services personnel will continue to monitor the feeder's daily performance during the next six months and take any necessary corrective action to improve the service reliability."

# Local Gymnastics Coach Produces Champions

Greenbelt resident Konstantin K. Gulisashvili has only been in the United States for three and a half years, but is already building a reputation as one of the country's finest gymnastics coaches. Under his direct supervision, his Trampoline and Tumbling Team produced a National Gold and a National Bronze Medalist at the 2001 National Competition held this past June in San Antonio, Texas.

Gulisashvili is employed with Emilia's Gymnastics in Columbia, Maryland. In addition to being the Director of the Emilia's Trampoline and Tumbling Program, he is also a coach for the Women's Gymnastics Program, where one of his young students claimed the title of Maryland State Champion at the 2001 Maryland State Junior Olympics competition in May. Gulisashvili also coaches Emilia's Acrobatics Men's Four Team, who are the current National Gold Medalists in Acrobatics and recently placed sixth, representing the United States, at the World Games held in August in Japan.

Gulisashvili's enthusiasm for the sport is fueled by his own background as a champion gymnast. Involved in the sport since the age of four, he was the National Champion in Men's Gymnastics for three years in a row in his country of origin, the former Soviet Republic of Georgia. In Georgia, he moved from being a gymnast to being head coach of the Georgian National Youth Team and a national judge of trampoline.

Gulisashvili had always dreamed of one day coming to the United States. In 1991, his uncle, Dr. Archil Gulisashvili, emigrated to the United States, where he is currently a professor of mathematics at Ohio State University. In 1996, his father (also a former champion gymnast and coach) and mother came to the U.S. Gulisashvili's dream was realized in 1998, when he came to America. "That I am now able to live in the United States and work in the field of gymnastics is a dream come true," he says. In such a short time, he has become fluent in the English language, in addition to his native Russian and Georgian languages.

His plans are to one day produce an Olympic or World Champion from the United States. (This article was written by friends in 42 Court Ridge Road.)



Rep. Albert Wynn speaks with Greenbelt artist Dan Kennedy whose mural was officially unveiled at the Largo-Kettering Post Office. The mural was selected from more than 20 competing concepts and was painted on canvas in his studio in the Greenbelt Community Center.

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## Montpelier Presents Painting Exhibit

The Montpelier Cultural Arts Center will host an exhibition of large-scale oil paintings by Baltimore artist Christina Manucy. The exhibit will take place in the Library Gallery through April 24.

Manucy's abstract expressionist paintings demonstrate her improvisational inspiration and subconscious, impulsive action. Although similar to that of the post World War II Action Painters, her work moves into a more dream-like quality in which the marks become blurred and disjointed by the constant reworking of the painting's surface.

Manucy was raised in the Baltimore area and received her BFA degree from the Maryland Institute College of Art in 1994. She has received critical acclaim in publications such as the Baltimore City Paper and Baltimore Magazine. She currently serves as the Exhibits/Facility Coordinator for the Howard County Council for the Arts.

For more information call 301-953-1993.

## Student Exhibit At Wildlife Center

The Second Annual Wildlife Art Exhibit is being hosted by Patuxent Research Refuge's National Wildlife Visitor Center in Laurel through March 29. The art work comes from special education students in schools represented by the Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities (MANSEF), a statewide organization.

Each year this exhibit is put together by the art teachers in a desire to recognize and promote the creative talents of their students. This year the show will feature art work from hundreds of creative and talented students representing approximately 25 schools.

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located on Powder Mill Rd. between Baltimore/Washington Parkway and Rte. 197 near Laurel. It is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## Azaleas Presented At Arboretum Show

Join Jim Gears, president of the Valley Forge Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society, at the U.S. National Arboretum on March 24 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. for a free presentation of slides of magnificent azaleas in their native habitat along the Appalachian Trail. Visitors can take home a seedling for the garden.

## Laurel Hospital Host To Bipolar Seminar

Laurel Regional Hospital is hosting its fifth semi-annual Education for Families with Bipolar Disorder seminar on Tuesday, March 26, from 7 to 9 p.m. The meeting will be held in the J.R. Jones Conference Room. This free event is jointly sponsored by Laurel Regional Hospital, the Mental Health Association of Prince George's County, and National Association for the Mentally Ill, Prince George's County.

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# Striking Back against the Nazis

by Marat Moore

One June morning, a young man paused on a bicycle to survey a village in northern France.

In other circumstances, this might be an idyllic scene. But not on June 6, 1944, just inland from Normandy's Sword Beach. It was D-Day, and a moment of reckoning for Allied forces - and for Peter Masters, who had waited years for his chance to strike back at the Nazis.

Masters and other German-speaking Jews had been recruited into a British special forces unit for "special and hazardous" duty against German forces. On D-Day they were part of a special bicycle troop, and most made it across the beach through enemy fire alive. Their mission was to penetrate as far into German-held territory as possible.

Masters told his gripping tale in Greenbelt recently at a public program organized by the Mishkan Torah Sisterhood. He also signed his book, *Striking Back: A Jewish Commando's War Against the Nazis* (Presidio, 1997).

Growing up in Vienna, young Peter Aranys - his birth name - had a talent for soccer and art, and in the wake of the carnage of World War I, committed himself to pacifism. "I was a pacifist Boy Scout and city kid," he recalls.

The Nazis arrived when he was 16 years old. One day a friend approached. "He said, 'Can your parents leave the country?' but added that he couldn't tell me why," Masters said.

Few of Vienna's Jews left early, Masters says.

"First, people said, 'Where would we go, what could we do if we could not practice our professions?' Next, they said, 'Our friends and family are here. We can't leave unless we all leave together.' Third, many thought that if their fathers or grandfathers had been prominent - decorated in WWI - surely they would be safe. Fourth, people thought that if things got too bad, they could leave then."

"All this reasoning was false, of course. It got people killed. But who knew, then?"

Masters revered Aunt Ida, who had operated a thriving fashion business in Vienna until the Nazis stole her business, relocated to London and brought out 14 family members.

Since Masters' parents were divorced, his father slipped across the Swiss border with a group of children, posing as a teacher, and eventually made it to England.

"One day, I saw a man walking toward the farm and said, 'Damn, that looks like my father.'" It was. Before long, however, the farm became a defense area, and he and his father were moved to British internment camps and classified by military tribunals as "friendly enemy aliens." After two months, with Ida's help, he was released and went to London.

With the enlistment age lowered to 18, Masters signed up. "I wanted to take part in Hitler's defeat," he said. After grueling interrogation, he was selected as part of a special commando



PHOTO BY MARAT MOORE

**Peter Masters at home in Bethesda, with his commando beret and his parachuting "jump" jacket.**

squad of Jews who spoke perfect German, and began to learn parachuting and study German weaponry.

"We had to take British names, and so I became Peter Masters," he said.

His first assignment was D-Day. His troop disembarked on Sword Beach burdened with collapsible bicycles, weapons, grenades, extra ammunition, a full-sized spade, and he carried an extra 200 pounds of rope.

Beyond the beach, the troop paused after snipers killed the lead cyclist near a village. Masters was ordered to walk into the village to "see what was happening."

"They sent me down there to draw fire so they could locate the snipers," he said. Knowing he had a slim chance to survive, Masters remembered a movie in which stars Errol Flynn and Carey Grant were surrounded at the Khyber Pass.

"I did what they did," he said. "I walked down alone, and yelled in German, 'Throw up your hands and your weapons and come out! It's your last chance! You're surrounded!'"

He was met with silence. "They may have thought, no one would do this without backup, and they didn't want to reveal their location." One sniper stood up and took aim, and missed.

His life was spared again when his troop charged with fixed bayonets, and the troop advanced into the village and beyond, ultimately penetrating further into Normandy on D-Day than any other Allied unit.

By the end of the war, many of his fellow commandos had died in action, but Masters said defeating the Nazis was their passionate goal. He reflected on how his views changed with the war.

"You couldn't be a pacifist when faced with the Nazis," he said. "I knew the only way to deal with Hitler was to get rid of him."

"And you can't be a pacifist with what's going on today," said Masters, who lives now in Bethesda. Referring to the recent terrorist attacks, he added, "When you're targeted with violence, you must respond."

Ultimately, he seeks to inform children and adults of the realities of World War II, and to challenge those who claim the Holocaust never occurred. It's a mission that he, as a survivor, is lucky enough to pursue.

Luck, Masters believes, shapes our lives. "Luck is the biggest factor in anyone's life," he says.

# Greenbelt Metro - BWI Bus Service Available

by Cathie Meetre

Metro recently inaugurated its bus service from Greenbelt Metro Station to BWI. Intended to form a continuous Metro link from downtown out to an increasingly busy local airport, the service is serendipitously a boon to Greenbelters. For about \$2 each way, riders get an accessible and comfortable service that's quick and predictable.

The non-stop buses (Route B30) start running from Greenbelt at 6 a.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. on weekends and holidays - timed to meet passengers on the first train in from D.C. The last bus leaves from the airport at 10:50 p.m. to connect with the last train into D.C. at 11:30 p.m. The buses run approximately 40 minutes apart all day.

Each bus has seating for 36 passengers and 'kneels' to permit easy access. For wheelchair passengers, the buses have a ramp that operates as part of the normal doorway. Some seats have been removed to accommodate two large luggage racks. The night the News Review reporter rode the bus, the majority of the 20 riders were lightly laden and most transferred to the train. Taxis were available at the Metro station (although not always immediately - they ebb and flow with the arrival of trains but only a few minutes wait is required).

As an alternative method of reaching the airport from Greenbelt, the bus has some significant advantages. It is much less of an imposition to request a ride from friends if the destination is Greenbelt Metro station - and a taxi ride there from even the furthest Greenbelt address is only a few dollars. Long term parking is several dollars a day - and you still have to take a bus from the parking lot - with sometimes long waits in the evening for a shuttle!

Compared to the shared ride service model, Metrobus is an express service with a regular schedule and doesn't stop to pick up or drop off passengers all over the suburbs. Shared ride services typically demand that passengers be ready for pickup from Greenbelt an hour and half before they need to be at the concourse - and sometimes keep them waiting at the curb in a mounting state of anxiety while picking up other passengers and navigating unfamiliar streets. On the return leg, the shared ride service only guarantees to find you a ride within 90 minutes of checking in with them so that they have time to fill a van - whose passengers

may be dropped off all over Laurel before proceeding to Greenbelt. During that time several buses can have come and gone - speeding merrily down the Parkway as the van lurches through Laurel's quainter neighborhoods without benefit of GPS.

For two passengers traveling together, the shared ride service is almost as expensive as a taxi to the airport - and for three a taxi is a break-even proposition. But for a lightly laden passenger, the bus is a splendid and very economical alternative and, what's more, socially responsible.

The bus stop at the airport is on the arrivals level at the far end next to the international terminal (by the flashing red lights outside the British Airways doorway). Schedules for the B30 service are available in PDF format on the Washington Metro Area Transit Authority website at <http://www.wmata.com/riding/visitors/airports.htm> or call 202-637-7000 (TDD 202-638-3780) and detailed information about travel to BWI is available from <http://www.bwiairport.com>.

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

### Resolutions to Revise the City Charter Related to Employee Appeals and Grievances

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At its February 25, 2002, regular meeting, the City Council adopted two resolutions to amend the City Charter. As required by state law, these resolutions will be posted in their entirety for forty (40) days, until April 6, 2002, at the Municipal Building. They can also be found on the City's Web site at <http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us>. Copies may also be requested from the City Clerk. The charter amendment resolutions will become effective on April 16, 2002, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment(s) to the voters on a referendum is filed by April 6, as permitted by law. This notice is to provide a fair summary of both resolutions.

At its February 11, 2002, regular meeting, Council introduced for first reading an ordinance to revise the process described in Article VI, Chapt. 13, of the City Code for appeals and grievances by employees of the City of Greenbelt. This ordinance will be considered for adoption at the meeting of April 22, 2002, following the effective date of the charter resolutions. The draft ordinance is posted at the Municipal Building and on the City's Web site. Copies may also be requested from the City Clerk.

Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2002-3

*A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt, Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23a of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (2001 Replacement Volume as Amended), Title, "Corporations-Municipal," Subtitle "Charter Amendments," to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Reference Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Repealing and Re-enacting with Amendments Employee Relations Board Section 12(d), Titled "Powers"*

Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2002-4

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The charter resolutions are necessary to amend the Charter to be consistent with the amendment proposed by ordinance to the City Code. The primary purpose of the two above-titled resolutions is to clarify the distinctions between appeals and grievances and to clearly establish that appeals are only for cases of dismissal, suspension or demotion.

For additional information, call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000.

Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk

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# City Hoping for Miracle In Funding from State

The Maryland House of Representatives held a bond bill hearing on subjects of interest to Greenbelt on Wednesday, March 20, and representatives of the City of Greenbelt were present, hat in hand. Up for consideration before the Budget and Taxation Committee were requests for funds for the Jaeger Tract, the Springhill Lake Recreation Building, and the Old Greenbelt Theatre. However, the state's current budget crunch makes the outcome doubtful. In the Senate, all local bond bill hearings that were to have been held in March have been canceled.

The City of Greenbelt has long hoped that this parcel of privately owned land, jutting into Greenbelt Regional Park, will somehow become incorporated into the park. The history of this struggle goes back many years and has in the past been unsuccessful. A portion of the Jaeger Tract was developed into what is now known as Westchester Park, comprising townhouses and two 18-story apartment buildings.

Within the last year, however, the effort to preserve the remaining undeveloped portion of the Jaeger Tract has picked up steam, in response to an imminent threat of further development on the land. The city has pledged \$100,000 in matching funds, and a pledge of \$1 million from the federal government is being pushed by Congressman Steny Hoyer and Senators Paul Sarbanes and Barbara Mikulski. In addition, individual citizens have pledged \$9,000. The bond bill presently under consideration would add \$200,000 from the state of Maryland to the fund to

purchase the land. Greenbelters are keeping their fingers crossed, but the state's current fiscal difficulties have come at a bad time for the Jaeger Tract effort.

**Springhill Lake**

Also under consideration at the bond bill hearing on March 20 was a request for money for the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. This project has already received significant support from the state. Planning funds were allocated in 2000; in 2001, the city received \$300,000. Greenbelt is now requesting another \$450,000. The funding for this project has moved forward significantly, especially since Greenbelters approved the bond referendum at the last election, which allocated \$750,000 for the Springhill Lake project.

The third request under consideration concerns the Old Greenbelt Theatre, which the city authorities are considering purchasing. At this point, the state is being asked for money for planning studies only.

Chill winds are blowing, however, from the direction of Annapolis. Some say that no bond bills at all will be approved this year, especially in light of the fact that the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee has postponed its bond bill hearings "indefinitely," according to a February 26 memo from Senator Barbara A. Hoffman, the chairman. She added, "With the expectation of further write-downs in revenues, our work has become even more difficult." However, hope springs eternal, and perhaps strong support for one or more of Greenbelt's requests, behind closed doors, will result in a minor miracle.

The Doctors Community Hospital Diabetes Care Center offers free instruction in monitoring blood sugar, the role of exercise, how to stay healthy and proper nutrition.

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## City Information

**CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING**  
**Municipal Building - Council Room**  
**March 25, 2002 - 8:00 p.m.**

## Presentations

Proposed FY 2003 Budget - City Manager

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

\*Committee Report - Advisory Planning Board, 3/11/02  
Memo (ACT Plan for Bradford Pears) (Items on the Consent Agenda—marked by \*—will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2, “Administration,” Article IV, “Ethics,” of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Updating the Section on Financial Disclosure to Reflect the Adoption by the City of a New Position Classification System  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Adoption)

- Briefing on MNCPPC General Plan - Tom Tyson
- Results of Fiscal Year 2001 Audit
- CVS Pharmacy, Greenway Center - Detailed Site Plan
- Golden Triangle Property (4.71 A) - Offer for Purchase
- Report on Red Light Camera Program
- Pending County Legislation (CB -12)
- \*Appointments to Advisory Group

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 301-474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TTY) to request such accommodation before 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

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**Municipal Access 301-474-8000:** Monday, 3/25 at 8pm-City Council “live.” Tuesday and Thursday, 3/26 & 3/28: 6pm-“ACE Reading Program” 7:00pm “Replay of City Council Meeting”

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**Saturday, March 23, April 6 & 13th**  
**9am-12pm**



dents needing them. Please bring work gloves. Volunteers will be laying flagstone, performing soil work and planting. Light refreshments will be served. See you there!



# POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Attempted Murder

5700 block Cherrywood Lane, March 8, 4:26 a.m., the victim was asleep in his vehicle at the Shell Food Mart when a man opened the vehicle door, removed the victim's wallet, removed money, and walked away. About 30 seconds later, the suspect returned and at gunpoint demanded the victim's vehicle. The victim put the vehicle in reverse and accelerated, knocking the suspect to the ground. The victim then pulled forward and struck the suspect with the driver's door. As the victim was leaving the parking lot, the suspect fired several shots at him. The shots struck the windshield but the victim was not hit. The suspect is described as a black male in his twenties, 5'8", medium build, wearing a dark-colored baggy jacket, dark-colored pants, and a dark-colored nylon cap.

### Assault

6000 block Springhill Drive, March 8, 2 a.m., as officers were leaving the scene of a domestic dispute, the suspect, age 27, slammed the metal front door striking an officer in the head and shoulder. He was arrested and released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner. The officer was not injured.

Beltway Plaza, March 8, 5:40 p.m., a security officer at Giant Food was assaulted when he tried to stop a shoplifter from leaving the store. The suspect pushed the officer to the ground and fled. He is described as a black male, 6 feet, wearing an olive drab shirt. The officer was not injured.

6100 block Breezewood Drive, March 14, 11:51 p.m., a resident was arrested after the victim advised that he, her husband, punched and kicked her during an argument. The victim declined medical treatment for minor injuries. The suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

### Prescription Fraud

Beltway Plaza, March 9, 9 p.m., a Laurel woman, 32, tried to obtain medicine with an altered prescription form at the Giant pharmacy. When she was placed under arrest, officers found she was in possession of other prescription medications in a plastic bag, and drug paraphernalia. The woman was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

### Robbery

Breezewood Drive at Cherrywood Terrace, March 8, about 10 p.m., two suspects, black males wearing dark clothing, approached a man and placed a gun at the back of his head as they demanded money. The suspects searched the victim and took currency, a driver's license, and a bank card before fleeing. The robbery was not reported until the next day.

Breezewood Drive and Edmonston Terrace, March 13, 3:31 a.m., the victim advised that he had been drinking with the

suspects when the suspects demanded money from him. He refused, and the suspects then assaulted him and took his wallet before fleeing. The suspects are known to the victim, and investigation continues.

5900 block Greenbelt Road, March 10, 3:31 a.m., at the CVS pharmacy, a man approached the cashier and asked for a package of cigarettes. He said he had a gun and demanded money. The cashier was unable to open the register. At this time the manager approached to see what was occurring, whereupon the suspect demanded money from the manager. However, the suspect then fled the store. He is described as a black male, 30 to 40, 6 feet, 180 lbs., slight beard, wearing a red coat.

### Theft

6460 Capitol Drive, March 13, 11 a.m., someone removed credit cards from an unattended purse at T.G.I. Friday restaurant.

Beltway Plaza, March 9, 9:40 a.m., someone opened a woman's purse and removed her wallet while she was shopping at Giant Food.

### Burglary

9300 block Edmonston Road, March 8, 4:25 p.m., a residence was entered by unknown means, and laptop computers and other electronic equipment were taken.

### Trespassing

8 Court Laurel Hill Road, March 12, 8:10 p.m., a Brentwood resident, 43, was arrested after he was seen in the backyard, looking into a window. Police located the man nearby; he was released on citation pending trial.

### Vandalism

9100 block Edmonston Court, March 14, 8:26 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, March 14, 8:56 p.m., and 9100 block Edmonston Road, March 14, 9:16 p.m., someone broke out the windows of these residences.

### Open Alcohol

6100 block Breezewood Drive, March 12, 3:53 p.m., a 24-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested after he was observed with an open bottle of beer on a public street. He was released on citation pending trial.

### Carjacking

The vehicle taken during a carjacking at Beltway Plaza on March 11, a 1996 Saturn SL, was recovered on March 12 by the Charles County Sheriff's Department on Auth Road. No further information is available.

### Drug Arrests

During traffic stops, five non-residents were arrested in separate incidents and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. Arrestees were residents of Springfield, Va., College Park, Beltsville, Suitland, and Capitol Heights.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, March 8, 4:20 p.m., a resident of Greenbelt Road, 20, was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia after the School Resource Officer smelled marijuana coming from a vehicle in the parking lot.

7500 Mandan Road, March

13, 3:10 a.m., during a traffic stop, a resident was arrested and charged with possession of Ecstasy with intent to distribute, and possession of paraphernalia. The suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

6200 block Breezewood Court, March 11, 3:39 p.m., two Temple Hills residents, 19 and 20, were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and related charges. Three Greenbelt juveniles in the vehicle, one 14 and two 17, were also arrested and charged. The adults were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner; the youths were released pending action by the juvenile justice system.

### Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a burgundy 1990 Oldsmobile Silhouette van, Md. tags M739224, March 8 from Beltway Plaza; a 1996 Dodge Neon four-door, March 9 from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive, and recovered the same day in Northeast Washington with five juveniles who were arrested; a maroon 1990 Toyota Camry four-door, Md. tags JGB459, March 10 from Beltway Plaza; a blue 1992 Dodge van, Md. tags M126342, March 10 from the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane; a green 1966 Toyota Camry four-door, Md. tags 80226HD, March 10 from the 100 block Tamarisk Court; the suspect, known to the victim, obtained the key to the vehicle prior to taking it; a black 2000 Nissan Maxima four-door, Md. tags EMT723 (the vehicle being unattended with the engine running when theft occurred March 12 from the 7800 block Jacobs Drive); a silver 2000 Hyundai Sonata four-door, Md. temp tag 92820Z, March 12 from the 9200 block Edmonston Road; a silver 2002 Dodge Neon four-door, Md. tags 756BBY, March 14 from the 100 block Westway.

Vandalism to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6100 block Breezewood Drive; 9200 block Edmonston Road; 9000 block Breezewood Terrace; Beltway Plaza; 500 block Crescent Road; 7900 block Greenbury Road (two incidents).

Eight vehicles stolen earlier than the period of this report were recovered; no arrests were involved.

Greenbelt police recovered stolen tags in five incidents which involved five arrests, one of which was of a Greenbelt juvenile, 17, who was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

## AWARDS

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yond the call of duty," during a severe personnel shortage in the Communications Unit, Craze said in his nomination. Keppel worked odd hours and long shifts to enable the unit to provide necessary services to keep the department functioning. During this time, she also hired and trained new personnel while improving the unit's training program.

## AMERICAN REALTY

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## Peters Announces Candidacy For County Council Seat

Last week, Douglas J.J. Peters, Bowie Mayor Pro-Tem, announced his candidacy for the Fourth District Prince George's County Council seat currently held by Audrey Scott, who is term limited and can not run for re-election. The district includes Greenbelt, Bowie and Lanham.



Douglas J.J. Peters

Peters has an environmental record that includes support of strict guidelines to create greenways, preservation of open space and protection of wildlife. He has opposed projects along main transportation corridors that threaten forestland. He opposed CB 40, and signed the petition to overturn the law.

As for education, Peters is a supporter of community schools and reduced class size, which he believes can be achieved with construction of the 26 schools scheduled to be built in the county over the next few years.

He is a member of the Council of Governments' Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Control Committee. As an Army officer, he served in Operation Desert Storm and was awarded the Bronze Star. He served as commander of American Legion Post 66 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8065. Peters is a

graduate of the University of Maryland with a BS in Finance and an MBA from the University of Baltimore.

Peters owns a commercial archives company located in Prince George's County and employs 85 people. He and wife Corinne have been married for 13 years. They have five children ages 2 to 12.

Greenbelt residents Pat McAndrew and Jim Inzeo will serve as Treasurer and Co-chairman for Peters' campaign committee.

## Nominate Women Who Help the Poor

The McAuley Institute announces its 2002 Courage in Community awards program honoring contributions made by women in the development of decent, safe, affordable housing and strong communities. The awards are open to women who are working with the lowest income and most vulnerable members of their communities. Two awards will be given to honor one lay woman and one religious sister.

Candidates for both awards should demonstrate inspirational leadership, application of innova-

tive approaches, and unique collaborative partnerships. The awardees will each receive \$3,000, of which \$1,500 will go to the award winner and \$1,500 will go to her organization.

Nominations must be postmarked no later than Friday, April 12, 2002. Contact Lonica Hughes at 301-588-8110 or lhughes@mcauley.org for nomination forms and further information. Forms are also available on-line at McAuley's website: [www.mcauley.org](http://www.mcauley.org).

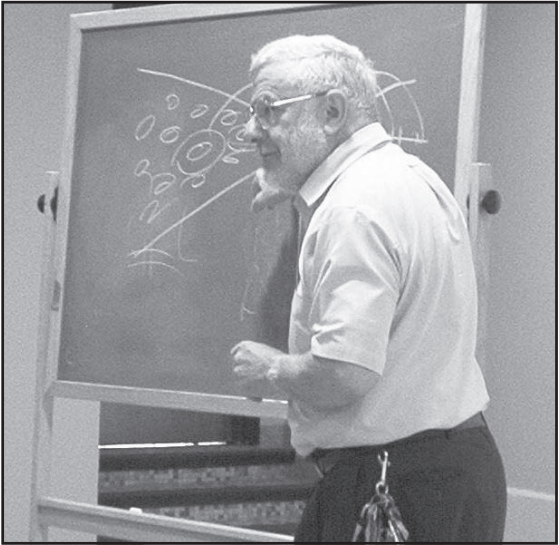
## Lefcowitz Teaches about Writing Dialogue

by Jacqueline Miller Byrd

"Writing Dialogue and Making It Work" was the theme of a recent writing workshop conducted by Dr. Allan Lefcowitz, artistic director of The Writer's Center, Bethesda. Co-author of "The Creative Writer's Handbook," Lefcowitz presented his candid theories to workshop participants on Saturday, March 16, at the Greenbelt Library. Internet publishers, playwrights, editors, and beginning and published writers listened intently as the "writing doctor" noted, "Writing is doing it over and over again and getting it right."

Lefcowitz noted that the writing workshop existed for many reasons: to get writers to write, set deadlines, provide an audience, give them an editor, encourage them to read others' works, ask questions and gain a sense of the writing community. "When writing dialogue, create and find a story beginning, and assume the reader will get it," he explained. "So write about what the character really has to say in the story."

"You must create feelings of



Creative writing specialist Dr. Allan Lefcowitz conducts workshop on writing dialogue at Greenbelt Library.

tension between characters. Like the truth, and like reality, dialogue is not as people talk, but how they talk, as the character would say it. Dialogue informs the reader of the relationships between characters. "

Participating writers also had the opportunity to have their dialogue critiqued by Lefcowitz.

Some techniques for writing dialogue, according to Lefcowitz are narration and flashback. "True dialogue," said Lefcowitz,

"is putting somebody into the scene in a way that readers find interesting." To create tension between characters, Lefcowitz advised creating "a battle of words" between them.

Lefcowitz asked writers to consider, "Why do you like the author's work? It is often helpful to listen to the dialogue and visualize the scene. Only keep the reader mystified when the character is mystified. It is best to give readers information in every instance in every scene. The language of everyday speech is best in dialogue."

Lefcowitz also emphasized the importance of understanding one's audience. "Decide who your audience is and who you wish to reach and go for it," he said. "If you can reach 1 percent of your target audience, you can make it as a writer."

The doctor ended the workshop with a Shakespearean-style challenge. "I send you forth to do good writing. Write and write again. Take a risk with your writing and let someone else look at it."

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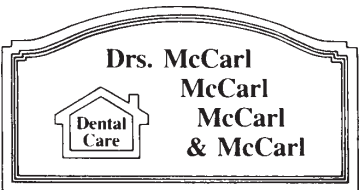
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ton with a mandate to cure the nation’s economic ills, Rex Tugwell accompanied him as a member of his “Brain Trust” and was appointed assistant secretary of agriculture under Henry Wallace. Describing how he persuaded FDR to support the creation of Greenbelt, he once told an interviewer from the old Washington Daily News, “One day in the fall of ’34 I asked the President if he’d go for a ride in the country. I brought him out here on what roads there were then and asked him what he thought of it for a housing project. He fell in love with the place.”

Roosevelt became a supporter of the green town, and appointed Tugwell to head the Resettlement Administration, which combined the Federal Emergency Relief Administration and the Subsistence Homestead Division of the Department of the Interior. Funds were allotted by the Relief Act of 1935, and the federal new town program was under way, despite its many detractors in the conservative Congress, who took every opportunity to cripple the program. Tugwell’s manner didn’t help, for he could be arrogant and condescending. He soon became a lightning rod for conservative criticism of the New Deal.

“If there was one word used more than any other it was ‘crackpot,’” he wrote in his diary. “We were ruining the country, undermining American character, and undermining all the traditional institutions. I was the chief ‘crackpot.’”

**Work Begins**

The acquisition of land about 12 miles outside Washington began, and proceeded with unheard of speed, due to the urgency of breaking ground as soon as possible so that some of the restive hordes of the unemployed could be put to work. Three teams of able architects and draftsmen were quickly hired, one for each of the green towns in the program - a task eased by the fact that architecture had been the hardest hit of the professions during the Depression, as new construction had all but ceased.

Frederick Bigger was brought in to serve as chief of the planning staff for the entire project. It was a wise choice, for he gave considerable creative freedom to each of the three teams instead of sending down uniform directives from above, as is too often done in governmental enterprises. As a result, the teams approached their task with enthusiasm and imagination.

**Walsh-McLean Mansion**

Office space was at a premium in Washington at the time, and one of the ironies of New Deal history is that the actual design work for the green towns was done in the sumptuous quarters of the Walsh-McLean house, a 54-room mansion on Massachusetts Avenue that had long been a center for Washington’s most glittering social scene. Commissioned by Thomas Walsh, a penniless Irish immigrant who had made his fortune in the gold fields of Colorado, it was the most expensive private house that had ever been built in Washington.

Walsh directed his architect to embed a large gold nugget in the arched, stone portal, lest anyone forget how its owner had made his fortune - not that this was

likely, especially after his high-spirited daughter, Evalyn Walsh McLean, published an autobiography with the title, “Father Struck It Rich.”

**Evalyn and the Hope**

Evalyn eloped with Edward Beale McLean, heir to the Washington Post fortune. The two managed to run through \$200,000 during their three-month honeymoon and continued their extravagant ways for two decades, during which she bought the Hope Diamond from Pierre Cartier, the “Prince of Jewelers.” The stone, the largest deep-blue diamond in the world, eventually ended up at the Smithsonian Institution, where it became the centerpiece of the hall of gems and now revolves on a pedestal, bathed in light.

When Evalyn inherited the mansion in 1932, she rented it to the Resettlement Administration. It was the Depression and even free-spending heiresses felt the need to retrench. Perhaps she preferred renting the house to selling the Hope or the fabled Star of the East, for as Evalyn once remarked, “I cannot help it if I have a passion for jewels. The truth is, when I neglect to wear them, astute members of my family call in doctors!”

**Design Phase**

Soon drafting tables proliferated at the foot of the grand staircase, designed to resemble that of an ocean liner, and filing cabinets accumulated in the rococo bedrooms as the designers labored to create housing for families earning \$1200 a year. Greenbelt’s chief planner, Hale Walker, laid out the town in the shape of a crescent that followed the line of a great, curving ridge at the Maryland site - a fact reflected in the names of the main streets, Crescent Road and Ridge Road.

Greenbelt’s principal architects were Reginald J. Wadsworth, an associate of a Philadelphia firm, and Douglas D. Ellington, a prize-winning graduate of the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris who later became a professor of architecture at Columbia University and Carnegie Institute of Technology. Ellington was also an accomplished watercolor artist. Both men had designed residences for prosperous clients, and some of the earliest Greenbelt sketches may have resembled the villas of bankers more than the dwellings of families who were barely scraping by. However, stringent financial realities quickly resulted in simpler houses.

Perhaps because of the latitude given to the planners, the designing of Greenbelt was “a laboratory, an experiment, a voyage of discovery, and an adventure,” according to planner Clarence Stein. Even though most of the architects and engineers were Republicans, they apparently loved working on the job and some told the project’s director that “while they could make far more money in private practice when prosperity returned, they would remain in the Suburban Division forever if they could continue planning more greenbelt towns,” according to an interview quoted in “The New Deal in the Suburbs” by historian Joseph L. Arnold.

Many years later, the Walsh-



Resettlement Administrator Rexford Tugwell (in white suit) and John Lansill, head of the Suburban Division, inspect a home under construction.

McLean mansion became the Indonesian embassy.

**Tugwell Pays a Price**

Tugwell remained in the Roosevelt Administration for only four years, but when he left he discovered that his government work had made him so unpopular that Columbia University did not want him back. This was a painful period for Tugwell, who had a family to support and did not find it easy to secure employment. However, after working in industry he became chairman of the Planning Commission of New York City. In 1940 he was appointed Governor of Puerto Rico, where he spent five years he described as the second most productive period of his life.

During his four years as part of the New Deal, Tugwell made an important contribution. He

exerted a major influence on the rural electrification program, was a force behind the establishment of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, and was one of the key organizers of the Civilian Conservation Corps, in addition to his work in the green towns program.

**Lived in Greenbelt**

He moved to Greenbelt in 1959, where he lived for several years when he was the Hillman lecturer at Howard University. Later he joined the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions in Santa Barbara, Cal. He wrote or contributed to over 30 books.

Always a fearless thinker with a protean mind, he continued to have a deep faith in planning as a way to solve human ills, and a belief that the federal government should compensate for the failures of the free enterprise system by providing a safety net that would give citizens a measure of social and economic security.

Toward the end of his long life (he lived to be 88), he even undertook a revision of the United States Constitution, in part to stimulate discussion of such proposals of his as the financing of all political campaigns from tax revenues, with a ban on private contributions, and the establishment of a separate branch of the federal government to administer elections. Clearly he was ahead of his time.

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## Lesser Known Tax Breaks

by Barbara Young

Some people who are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) do not know it exists, how to qualify, or how to claim it. The Internal Revenue Service says in a bulletin, “If you qualify, it can mean you’ll pay less tax, or no tax, or even get a refund.”

The 2001 tax instruction booklet outlines the EITC. In general, a taxpayer may qualify: if the taxpayer earned under \$32,121 and had more than one qualifying child; if the taxpayer earned under \$28,281 and had one qualifying child; if the taxpayer earned under \$10,710 and had no qualifying child.”

Call 1-800-829-3678 for the free IRS Publication 596, or download it at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

The Advance Earned Income Tax Credit is another lesser-known tax benefit. Those who qualify can have their employer(s) add advance payments to take-home pay every payday. Those wishing to find out if they qualify should ask their employer for Form W-5. Those who qualify should return the completed form to their employer. Publication 596 above also deals with the Advance EITC, as does the same website; also see Form W-5.

In general, a taxpayer may qualify for Advance EITC if the taxpayer’s income for 2001 will be less than \$28,281 and he or she has one child (or more) under age 19, under 24 if a student, or any age if totally disabled living in the home for more than half the year. See page 3 of the Form W-5 for information on a qualifying foster child.

If the taxpayer and spouse are both employed, they should file separate Forms W-5. The spouse’s income should be included if a joint tax return is filed.

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